

inner race, and the improvement of the inner race of the bearing being coextensive with the shaft.

Claim 35. In a selectively engageable mechanism between a shaft and another part, the improvement comprising a device.

REMARKS

On November 14, 2003, the USPTO issued a rejection in respect to the above entitled application.

On May 10, 2004, applicant, by and through his attorney, interviewed the examiner to better understand the examiner's position in respect to the cited prior art, most particularly Pringle U.S. Patent 4,805,744. Applicant's specific inquiry was how the second hydraulic actuator 32 and its fluidic interconnection to the first hydraulic actuator on the other side of the assembly was of interest to the applicant's claims. During the interview, the examiner indicated that the direct physical contact between the piston friction disk may overcome this reference but that a new search would be required.

The present amendment is being filed in order to continue the prosecution of this application in view of the interview.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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